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Letter from the chair

Dear friends,

First a reminder to those of you who joined us for the first time this autumn. You are invited to come to the Friends Meeting House to meet the Committee on Wednesday 19th November at 3.00pm. I have found over the years that new members often miss out because they don't know or don't understand all the things that membership entitles them to. This is a chance for us to explain and answer questions and for you to suggest innovations. Each U3A does things slightly differently and for those of you who were members elsewhere this can cause problems.

We will have a similar gathering for group leaders at a later date. We are always open to suggestions as to how things could be improved and we have for many years now had an occasion when the committee could thank the leaders for all their dedication and hard work.

Ian Tennant, our new vice chair will be helping me this year by attending regional meetings. He was at the recent general meeting in Doncaster and has come back enthused by the various interesting activities he heard about and the fascinating people he met.

Of particular interest to some of you is a regional poetry competition, which will be judged by Jean Stevens, who runs our poetry group. Details are on the notice board but it is important to note the closing date - next February - and the limit of 40 lines including the title.

There were also various initiatives and a study day, details of which I hope can be included in the newsletter as well as on the notice board at the speaker meetings.

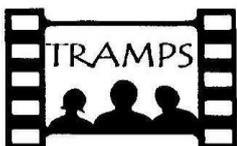
Ian also intends to visit our groups during the year, to get to know more of you as he is fairly new to Settle. That is something else that I would have loved to have done but cannot possibly fit in.

The December meeting this year will be a speaker meeting, not a social. It doesn't hurt to have a change once in a while. If the music and movement groups want the chance to show everyone else what they have been doing, followed by a Jacob's Join lunch and a few carols, we need to know soon as speakers are being booked for 2015/16 now.

I hope you are all enjoying your groups. We certainly get a number of laughs in the ones I attend.

Alison

December Meeting: £1 Thursday December 11th at 10.30am in the Victoria Hall
'Christmas with Bells on' with Stanley Walmsley
Coffee served from 10.00am Mulled Wine and Mince Pies at the end



The Ribblesdale Area
Moving Picture Show

Friday 14th November 7.30pm	Austwick Parish Hall	BELLE (12)
Wednesday 26th November 7.45pm	Victoria Hall, Settle	LORE (15)
Monday 8th December 7.45pm	Victoria Hall, Settle	WELCOME TO THE STICKS (12)
Friday 12th December 7.30pm	Austwick Parish Hall	THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL(15)

U3A NEWS FROM THE GROUPS

ART APPRECIATION

Our next session on Tuesday 2nd December at 2pm will be a visit to see a very eclectic local collection. If you want to come to this can you please let me know so I can confirm numbers and give you more details. Debi Burrige (debi.burridge@gmail.com, Tel: 825922). On Tuesday 6th January Frank Gordon will be coming to talk to us about Turner in the Dales at 2pm in the Castleberg room at the Victoria Hall.

Debi Burrige

PHILOSOPHY

The group met on 6th November to continue their interest in the philosophy of Alain Badiou. We have now considered his views on Politics, Love and Art. At our next meeting on 20th. we will be discussing his views on Science. We are finding the understanding of Badiou's philosophy quite challenging which is what we like. Our topic for next term has yet to be decided. New members will always be welcome.

Roy Anderson

GREAT LIVES

The group's next meeting will be on Wednesday 19th November at 11.00am in Victoria Hall, when Dorothy Hemsworth will give a presentation on the life and work of Gavin Maxwell, Scottish naturalist and author, best known for his work with otters which resulted in his best-selling book "Ring of Bright Water". Everyone welcome.

John Jebson

Queen Victoria & Prince Albert

John Jebson gave his customary entertaining and erudite insight into the lives of Queen Victoria and her Consort from the Queen's unprepossessing forebears and peculiar upbringing to her death in 1901. While the marriage was encouraged by Victoria's Uncle Leopold, there is no doubt that the initial physical attraction led to a happy and productive union cut short by Albert's untimely death at the age of 42. Bearing nine children in eighteen years took its toll on the Queen's

health so Albert's Teutonic thoroughness gave him more influence on matters of state than a German might have expected. His major triumph was the promotion of British industry through the Great Exhibition of 1851. The Queen's relationships with some of her many Prime Ministers as well as her caring of returning soldiers from both the Crimean and Boer Wars were discussed. Thank you John.

John Parry

LOOKING AT OLD BUILDINGS

For those who are going on the visit to the Synagogue in Leeds, the coach will depart from the Cricket Club at 12.30pm. The guided tour around the Synagogue is at 13.45pm and will take a good hour with groups of men and women going separately. The men must cover their heads. After the tour, it is open for questions. The tour is free of charge, but I shall see if a donation can be made. Fares still to be collected can be given to me at the next U3A Coffee Morning on Thursday 13th November. There is no LAOB meeting in December. The next LAOB meeting is on the 22nd January, details of which will be in the next newsletter.

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Visit to Temple Newsam

After various changes of plan, this visit turned out very well and proved most interesting with something for everyone. We were led by two enthusiastic guides through underground cellars, store rooms and an amazing tunnel which links the South & North wings between an underground kitchen & the dining room. Like many such properties today, the place has been used for filming & we were shown a very dark 'dungeon cell' constructed for a future TV programme along with gruesome man-traps that were genuine objects used by the gamekeepers in times gone-by.

Those who visited the Grayson Perry tapestries were full of enthusiasm & awe at the details in them. Add to this, wonderful gardens of all kinds and a lake & parklands & you have the recipe for great days out for old & young alike.

"A Grand Day Out".

Elizabeth Evans

Please keep copy to approx 150 words and submit next by Friday 5th December to:

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